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On January 18 Mr. Knight while on a visit to Flamborough with his wife was supposed to have fallen over the cliff. While fishermen were searching for his body the vicar rejoined Miss Grimes at Heathfield, and subsequently the couple sailed for Australia.

"I have no hesitation as to the decision at which I have arrived," the bishop said in pronouncing sentence. "I believe that the maintenance of wholesome discipline in the Church demands the gravest sentence which has been pronounced (deposition from holy orders), and that nothing less could satisfy the conscience of Christian people."

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tempt to give in actual figures the cost now of the ships to form a Canadian fleet unit corresponding to that of Australia, but he adds that the increase in cost for ships built in Canada would equal 25 or 30 per cent. over the prices now quoted in Great Britain. The interesting point is that now Canada, for such a fleet unit as Australia has built, would have to pay, even in Britain, £5,159,400, instead of £4,407,151, three years ago, as compared with seven millions for three battleships of the latest type.

The First Lord points to the higher cost of maintaining these ships in Canada, owing to the economic conditions prevailing there, and estimates that, at Canadian rates, the cost of maintenance would be £681,250, per annum, against £412,192, under prevailing conditions here. On the whole question of manning Mr. Churchill points out that our resources are now strained to their utmost limits, more especially as regards lieutenants, specialist officers (gunners, torpedo, and navigation) and the numerous skilled professional ratings which cannot be improvised or obtained except by years of careful training. His arguments undoubtedly force one to the conviction that the most practical and economic course for Canada to pursue—at the present time, at all events—is to make a contribution in ships, leaving the manning and other provisions to the Imperial authorities. But, of course, the home country cannot dictate to any of the Dominions over the seas the policy they should pursue in this matter.

DEATH.

XAVIER.—On April 18, at the Shanghai General Hospital, DR. XAVIER, aged 41 years.

MEMO FOR TO-DAY.

Bijou Scenic Theatre.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 20.—
Noon—Green Island Cement Co.'s Meeting.
8 p.m.—Old Allegian Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.
County Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.

MONDAY, April 22.—
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P. W. D.

SATURDAY, May 3.—
Noon—Hongkong Electric Co.'s Meeting.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1913.

INCREASED COST OF WAR-SHIPS.

THE correspondence which has taken place between the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada incidentally indicates the great advance that has taken place within recent years in the cost of ships. The main theme of the letters is concerned primarily with the possibility of building warships in the Dominion, and Mr. Churchill enumerates the very extensive and costly appliances necessary for manufacturing all the elements which go to make up a modern battleship, and arrives at the conclusion that the cost of laying down the plant alone would, at a rough estimate, be approximately £15,000,000 sterling, and that four years would be occupied in the process. He indicates that the new shipyard which Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., have constructed below the swing-bridge on the Tyne, in order to enable them to build ships of greater tonnage, has cost approximately £750,000, and that two years have been occupied in its preparation. It is further stated that the Japanese have taken twenty years to work up their shipbuilding, and now take over three years to build a battleship, although anxious to build all ships in their own country, they still find it necessary to have some of them built in Great Britain. The figures given by Mr. Churchill show that a battleship of the "Australia" type, ordered in Great Britain in 1909-10, would cost, according to the prices then current, £2,293,660, whereas to-day, says "Engineering," the price would be £2,652,100. Again, the cost of three "Town" cruisers has gone up from £1,112,310 to £1,234,900; six torpedo-boat destroyers from £667,125 to £843,000; three submarines from £274,875 to £365,000; and stores and fuel for these from £59,280 to £64,400. Mr. Churchill takes the view that the facts prove that it is impracticable to proceed with the building of capital ships in Canada at the present time. He does not at-

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H.M.S. Merlin sails to-day for Labuan.

A woman has been sent to hospital from Yamul suffering from arsenic poisoning, supposed to have been self-administered.

The new Japanese battleship Fuso, 30,000 tons displacement, which is being built at Kure, will be floated in October. She is being constructed in a dry dock and will be the first vessel to be floated in Japan without launching.

The master of the sailing ship Dinsdale, which on November 17 last struck the Wonga Shoal light-house, demolishing the structure and causing the death of two lighthouse keepers, has been acquitted of the charge of manslaughter.

The Consul of Newchwang held a meeting at that port on April 1 to consider the revision of port duties on the working of inflammable goods and the matter has been adjourned pending the expression of opinion of the merchants concerned.

The total number of vessels entered at the port of Dally during March was 198 ships of 29,000 tons; being an increase of forty-five vessels and 40,000 tons over the month before. Of this tonnage, 291,400 was Japanese; 31,300 British and 21,800 tons German.

The Olympic sailed from Southampton for New York on April 2 after undergoing the extensive repairs, amounting almost to reconstruction, which had been deemed necessary in the light of experience gained by the disaster to her sister ship the Titanic.

The China Homeward Freight Conference draws the attention of shippers to the following alterations in the Optional Clauses on Bills of Lading:—Group 2: omit all the words after "Marseilles"; Group 3: add "and all French Ports" after Marseilles.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

St. George's Day passed almost unobserved in the Colony yesterday.

On the night of April 5, a big robbery was committed in one of the licensed native pawn shops at Soerabaya. Jewellery to the value of about £100,000 was stolen.

It is reported from Tibet that the Dalai Lama has sent letters to all the leading provincial officials notifying his resumption of office as the head of the State, and the letters contain expressions of gratitude to the British for hospitality in India.

A housewife who was charged with obtaining goods by false pretences from the Cafe Weismann, the French Store, and Messrs. Lane and Crawford to the value of £40, pleaded guilty before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistrate's this morning. The defendant was ordered 12 strokes of the birch and 48 hours' detention.

About 625 returned Indian emigrants from Trinidad landed recently in Calcutta bringing with them savings amounting to one lakh of rupees. The largest amount brought back by individual coolies were Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,200, Rs. 1,900, and Rs. 1,500. Shortly before, 675 returned emigrants from Fiji arrived in Calcutta with savings amounting to two lakhs of rupees.

Before Mr. Melbourne to-day at the Magistrate's, a decrepit old Chinaman who said he was 75 years old was charged with stealing ten empty bottles. Defendant said he was alone in the world, and had to steal something to live. His wife ran away some years ago and his son was dead. Mr. Melbourne bound the defendant over, and the old man promised to do no more pilfering.

A Chinese was charged with stealing a twenty-cent piece from a stall in Centre St. before Mr. Hazeldene to-day. Sgt. Adlington said the prosecutor was a hawk who had a stall with sugar canes on it. The defendant paid a cent for a stick of sugar and had some sticky substance on the palm of his hand with which he picked up the 20-cent piece. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks.

The members of the Sergeant's Mess, 2nd D.O.L.I. held their first Whist Drive last night, since arriving in the Colony, in their Mess at Moray Barracks. Nearly 200 responded to the invitation. R.Q.M. Sgt. Elliott and Q.M. Sgt. Clarke acted as M.C.s, the other members of the committee being Band Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Smith. The prizes were presented by Band Master Roberts to Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Fuller; 2nd, Mrs. Edger; 3rd, Mrs. Elliott; 4th, Mrs. Foster; 5th, Mrs. Booby prize, Mrs. Spear. Gents, 1st, Q.M. Sgt. Axford, R.E.; 2nd, Sgt. Wall, A.O.C.; 3rd, Mr. Southwood; 4th, Mr. Marks; 5th, Mr. Morley; 6th, Mr. McArden; 7th, Mr. Elliott; 8th, Mr. Kett; 9th, Mr. Booby prize, Mr. Spear.

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IMPENDING ABOLITION OF H.M.S. TAMAR.

In the House of Commons on the 26th ult., Mr. Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said that "the Tamar in China would soon share the fate of several vessels which had been abolished in the effort to cut down all on duties which are not effective for the purposes of war."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Major R.S. Stewart, D.A.A. and Q.M.G. leaves to-day for Japan on two months' leave.

Lieut. H. M. Fordham, R.E., has been ordered to Hongkong for duty from Sheerness.

A telegram in the Ceylon Observer says:—At St. Mary's, South Kensington, on April 5, Mr. John Harwood, late Solicitor-General of the Straits Settlements, was married to Florence, daughter of the late Sir Noel Walker.

The marriage has been arranged to take place quietly at St. George's Church, Penang, on May 21, of Mr. Estace Schwabe, manager of the Chinese Estate, and Miss Florence May, sister of the Deputy Colonial Engineer.

The acting manager of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank's Hongkong branch, Mr. E. J. Van Delden, with Mrs. Van Delden left on holiday to Europe, via Siberia, by the Yokohama Maru. Mr. Van Delden has a year's leave.

After a residence extending over twelve years, Mr. Ernest Hearl, of the Naval Ordnance Department, leaves to-day by the Kamo Maru for home, via America. Mr. Hearl has taken an active interest in the Wanchai Wesleyan Church and its various organizations during his long residence, and for several years has rendered the denomination valuable service as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Hearl has been the recipient of many private gifts from his friends as well as several public subscriptions. The latter include a silver rose bowl from the European Staff of the Department, a silver tea set from the Chinese Staff, a silver cream bowl from the Naval Ordnance European Staff, a silver cakestand from Wesleyan Church friends, a silver spoon from the D. & Y. Recreation Club and a silver biscuit basket from the Wesleyan Sunday School.

HOOK THE COOK.

Sues for Wages.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Kemp, James Hook, a cook, of 15, Wellington Street, sued Edith Morrison, of 49, Hollywood Road, claiming £15 alleged to be wages due and \$20, a month's wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. Otto Kung Sing, solicitor, appeared for defendant, plaintiff being unrepresented. Plaintiff said he was a Christian. He was employed by defendant as cook at a monthly wage of \$20 from August last year till March 25 when he was discharged. He did not know the cause of this and when he asked defendant she told him there was no business and he was no longer required. He was given \$15 by the boy and left next day. He had to wait three days for his wages and the boy told him that if defendant did not pay him he could sue her. Defendant said she would send for the police if he asked for more money and did in fact build a police whistle, which was responded to by a sergeant.

His Lordship: Were you paid your wages regularly?—No. She always kept \$10 in hand. I have stayed longer than any other cook. She has had trouble with them all.

Cross-examined Hook denied that he cooked the food badly and caused complaints. He admitted that he took his wife and several children to the house, but said this was not against defendant's wishes.

Defendant said she engaged defendant at \$15 and promised him \$5 extra if he suited and did not squeeze. She told him when engaging him that other cooks had left her at a moment's notice and she had no redress, so it was agreed that he could be dismissed instantly if he did not suit. Defendant took his family to the house to stay without permission; and there were frequent complaints from the other servants about him. In February she plaintiff's conduct was not satisfactory he was only given \$15. The cause of his dismissal was that on the two days before he left he neglected to cook the dinner.

GOVERNORSHIP OF MACAO.

SENOR P. RIBEIRO APPOINTED.

It is stated that Senor Freitas Ribeiro has been appointed Governor of Macao. Senor Ribeiro at present fills the office of Harbour Master. Senor Mansilla, the Colonial Secretary, is expected in the Colony from Lisbon about the middle of May.

SEQUEL TO LASCAR ROW FIRE

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Action for Damages.

In Original Jurisdiction this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., the action in which Chau Nam, 142, Hollywood Road, sued Chan Woon Cheung and Chan Woon Man, of 44, Stanley Street, for \$3,000. The claim was for damages, the plaintiff alleging that defendants, negligently and unskillfully carried out certain building operations, namely the building of a party wall between houses No. 10 and 21, Lower Lascar Road, and incidentally thereby caused work in shoring the rear walls of the two houses, to the damage of the plaintiff.

The following special jury was sworn to try the issue: Messrs. F. Maitland (foreman), J. T. Douglas, H. P. White, M. Beattie, Ho Kim Tong, D. Heskell and F. C. Wilford.

Counsel: For the plaintiff, Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master; for the defendants, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. M. R. Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson, Grist.

Mr. Slade explained in opening yesterday that the plaintiff is the owner of the house No. 10, which was destroyed by fire in February last year. In rebuilding the party wall of the adjoining house, it was alleged, the defendants did not properly shore the walls of plaintiff's house, the result being that the walls cracked and the building was rendered unsafe. The plaintiff had to build a new house, which, as it had to comply with the present building by-laws, could not be made so large as the old one and there was a consequent loss of rent.

Mr. Bird, an architect, who gave evidence for the plaintiffs yesterday, was submitted by Mr. Jenkins to a cross-examination which lasted the whole of the morning. In the course of it he said the houses were inspected by the Building Authority several times during the rebuilding of the defendants' premises and no complaint was made about the shoring of No. 10 being insufficient.

Mr. Jenkins: If the Building Authority visited No. 10 and made no complaint about the shoring does it not mean that it was all right?—Not necessarily. They would rather have No. 10 fall down and a new house built than it be reinstated. They rather like it (laughter).

Did anybody else want No. 10 to fall down?—I don't know. We did not. Why?—Because we should have to build a new house and suffer loss in consequence.

In reply to later questions the witness admitted that the plaintiff was getting a bigger rental from the new house of three storeys than he got from the old house of four storeys, but said this was accounted for by the rise of rents owing to the Revolution in Russia.

Expert evidence was also given for the plaintiff by Mr. Ram, architect.

The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Case at Magistrate's.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon before Mr. Hazeldene, Chan Kwai, 33, matched builder, of no fixed abode, and Chan Chau Hi, an oyster bed coolie, also of no fixed abode, were charged with being concerned together with eighteen others not in custody in an armed robbery committed at one o'clock on the morning of March 30th and breaking and entering houses in Ha Tsun village. The men were also charged with assault and with putting people in bodily fear.

Captain Woodhouse, District Superintendent of Police, prosecuted; and Mr. J. H. Gardiner defended Chan Kwai.

Captain Woodhouse said he proposed to take the case against Chan Chau Hi first, and the case against Chan Kwai was consequently adjourned.

Captain Woodhouse in outlining the case said that on the night of March 29-30 an armed robbery occurred at Ha Tsun village, near Ping Shan, in the Ping Shan police district. A band of robbers came from Chinese territory and an attempt was made on No. 6 Ho Tsun village. Nos. 7 and 44 were entered, but the most serious attempt was that made on No. 5, which was accompanied by rifle fire and violence. The two other houses were broken into and things stolen, but nothing was stolen from No. 5. The reason that nothing was taken from No. 5 was apparently that the robbers did not make an entrance, as they were resisted by the inmates. After the robbers left the place, the police patrol approached and when they challenged the robbers they were fired on. The police returned the fire and gave chase and Chan Chau Hi was captured as he was escaping. He was taken to the police station, but nothing was found on him. He was among the gang that fired on the police, and he was captured about 400 yards from the village.

The Chinese owner of No. 5 Ho Tsun village gave evidence of the attack on the house. He stated that when he heard the robbers on his roof he ordered his folks to get out rifles and fire on them. The robbers had commenced to remove the tiles. The robbers failed to get into the house, but they returned the fire. The shot then got into No. 7, and commenced to knock down a wall into the witness' house. Witness' folks fired at the robbers through the hole, and the fire was returned. Witness opened his door when three Indian constables came up with one of the men, whom they had arrested. Witness had in his shop about \$800 or \$400 worth of things. No entry was made into witness' house through the wall—no one dare enter. The case was adjourned.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

Two of the best games yet seen in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament were played at the Soldiers' Club last night in the match between the Hongkong Volunteers and 83rd Coy., R.G.A. In both games there was a good exhibition of billiards, the players playing an open game to the enjoyment of a large number of spectators.

The first pair were Mr. R. C. Barlow, Hongkong Volunteers, and Gunner Wetherall, 83rd Coy., R.G.A. At 50 the gunner held a bare lead of 2, but made ground quickly up to the 100 mark when he held an advantage of 23 points. Wetherall also led at 150 to 119 when Barlow compiled a good break of 23, and a little later took the lead when Wetherall was 153. Barlow retained the lead until 181 was reached when the gunner passed him and another visit to the table saw Wetherall run to his points with an unbroken break of 13, a popular winner by 11 points. Breaks—Wetherall, 18, 13, 12, 12, 11, 10, Barlow, 28, 17, 14, 13. Scores—Gunner Wetherall, 300; Mr. R. C. Barlow, 189.

The second game brought Mr. Standford, Hongkong Volunteers, and Gunner Daughtrey, 83rd Coy., R.G.A. to the table. At the beginning, Daughtrey held a good lead, at 50 he was 53 in front but at 100 this was reduced to 20. The gunner by good play reached 150 with a lead of 31; Standford, however, accumulated a nice break of 23, and at 164 took the lead which he retained until his score was 195, when Daughtrey with a 12 unfinished, won the game by 5 points. Breaks, Daughtrey, 16, 15, 13, 12, 12, 11, 10, 10; Standford, 28, 17, 13, 13, 11. Scores—Gunner Daughtrey, 200; Mr. Standford, 185.

These games are the only losses by the Volunteers so far. The scores now are:—Hongkong Volunteers, 1184; 83rd Coy., R.G.A. 957.

Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C.C. TOURNAMENT.

In the Hongkong C.C. Tennis tournament yesterday the following matches were played:—

Double handicap, second round, C. E. H. Beavis and R. D. Stewart beat Capt. Tracey and H. R. Phelps, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Singles, A. Class, third round, A. C. E. Elborough beat Capt. Crawford 6-1, 6-3. Dr. Aubrey beat Capt. James, 6-3, 6-1. Singles, B. Class, semi-final, J. McPherson beat D. E. Clark 6-0, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following matches have been arranged for this evening:—

In the third round of the Double handicap H. A. Nisbet and F. Maitland (owe 30) play C. E. H. Beavis and R. D. Stewart (owe 2/8). In the Professional pairs H. Hancock and E. Ormiston play R. F. C. Master and G. A. Hastings.

In the Championship singles Captain Atkins plays J. B. Penman.

PLAGUE IN THE GAOL.

The bubonic plague return for the twenty-four hours ended noon to-day shows that a case was notified from Victoria Gaol, the patient being a Chinese. Only one other case has been notified, from Elgin Street, the total since January 1st now being 33.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.") Sir,—We wish to warn the public with reference to the insurance of parcels at the Post Office.

Last year a merchant insured a parcel of gold leaf worth \$400 for that amount, and the registration clerk gave him a receipt showing that the parcel was insured for \$400, and charged him the usual fee for \$400.

The parcel was lost in transit to the Dutch East Indies.

The Hongkong Postmaster-General paid \$200 only, and disclaimed responsibility for the balance.

The Postmaster-General wrote as follows:—

"The limit of insurance on parcels to the Dutch East Indies is \$200. . . . By an error on the part of a clerk of this office the sender was allowed to insure for \$400, for which this office accepts no responsibility."

The matter was then laid before His Excellency the Governor, who confirmed the Postmaster-General's repudiation. It is obvious that if the sender had been informed of the limit he would have divided his parcel into two.

It seems to us inequitable for a Government to repudiate responsibility for the acts of its officers, to whom the public are invited by the Government to entrust valuables for insurance in return for the payment of a premium calculated to cover the risk involved.—Yours truly,

DENNY & BOWLEY.

Hongkong, April 23rd, 1913.

The declaration of a dividend and bonus of 106 per cent. on the share of the China Mutual S.N. Company gives some indication of the profits being reaped by shipowners during the present freight boom. Although no dividend is declared, it cannot be doubted that the profits of the Blue Funnel Line, Messrs. A. Holt and Co., who manage the C. M. Company under the same management, are equally large. The China Mutual, which has a capital of £200,000, paid a dividend in 1910 of 13 per cent. and in 1911 of 30 per cent. Added to the last dividend, this makes 144 per cent. in three years. Shipping and Engineering.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BELGIUM AND CHINA.

London, April 23.
The Belgian Foreign Minister has announced in the Chamber that the Belgian Government will recognize the Chinese Government as soon as possible, but they are waiting until it is recognized by some of the great Powers.

CHINA'S NEED OF SYMPATHY.

London, April 24.
A letter from the Chinese Minister in London, which has been published, explains that in view of the present important juncture in the history of China, and the need of calm, wise statesmanship, the Government felt that they must appeal to all classes and creeds among the Chinese people for sympathy and support, expressed in a way that each creed may consider fittest. A similar expression from the Christians of Great Britain could not fail to be highly and thankfully appreciated by the Chinese Government.

THE CHURCH AND CHINA.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London referred in Convention to the Chinese appeal with warmest sympathy.
The Bishop of London remarked that few things had happened in their generation more encouraging to missionary effort. He had ordered intercessions for Sunday next, April 27, in all the churches in his diocese.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

NOT SO WELL.

London, April 24.
The bulletin for the past twenty-four hours states that the Duchess of Connaught is not so well. Another bulletin is expected this evening.

DEALING WITH THE SUPFRAGETTES.

HOME SECRETARY'S BILL PASSED.

London, April 24.
Mr. McKenna's Suffragette Bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons.

HOME RACING.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

London, April 23.
The betting, at midnight, for the City and Suburban Handicap was as follows:—100-14 Tuxedo; 100-12 Lorenzo; 100-5 Thistleton; 100-7 Bachelor's Hope and Junior; 100-6 Limon and Hubert; 20-1 Long Set; 25-1 Outram and Miff; 28-1 Mordred; 400-3 Shortgrass and Eton Boy; 40-1 Cigar and Dalmatian; 50-1 Absolute.

THE RESULT.

LATER.

The race resulted:—
1. Drimmore
2. Limon
3. Lorenzo
Eighteen ran. Drimmore won by a short head, three-quarters of a length dividing second and third.

Horses and mounts were—Eton Boy (Jelliss) Cigar (Wheatley) Junior (Bullock) Mordred (Ringstead) Dalmatian (Herbert) Short Grass (W. Smyth) Miff (Butcher).
Swan Song and Agapanthus did not run.

At the start, Mordred led, followed by Cigar, Outram, Hope, Jaeger, Drimmore, and Limon. At Tattenham Corner, Drimmore and Limon were prominent, with Lorenzo and Absolute the last pair. Drimmore and Limon raced close in company, Lorenzo coming fast at the finish, Drimmore resisted a strong challenge, and won an exciting race.

The betting was 10 to 1 against Drimmore, 100 to 7 against Limon, 15 to 2 against Lorenzo. Jaeger was favourite at 5 to 1.

GERMANY AND AERIAL NAVIGATION.

London, April 23.
The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung states that the German Government has already taken measures to prevent landings by German aircraft in France. Negotiations with France are now proceeding with a view to an agreement regulating aerial navigation.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NAVAL GUN TESTS.

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET LEAD.

London, April 24.
The gun-laying tests for the Navy for 1912 resulted in the Mediterranean Fleet coming first with heavy guns, claiming an average of 108. Australia was second with 109, the First Battle Squadron third with 99, the East Indies fourth with 94, China fifth with 92, and the Cape sixth with 77.
The new 13 in. guns had a larger proportion of hits than any other heavy weapon.

REICHTAG AND ARMY AND NAVY CONTRACTS.

London, April 24.
A telegram from Berlin states that the Budget Committee of the Reichstag has adopted the resolution of the Centre Group advocating the appointment of a Commission of Deputies and experts to investigate the whole question of the army and navy contracts, with recommendations for the removal of any abuses.

THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

London, April 24.
The Papal Legate, Cardinal Ferrata, arrived at Malta on board the British gunboat "Rusar," to preside over the Eucharistic Congress, which is to be opened to-day. There is a great assemblage of Roman Catholics from all countries.

THE SUDAN LOAN.

London, April 24.
Mr. Lloyd George has moved a resolution in the House of Commons guaranteeing payment of interest on the Sudan Loan, floated on March 19, at a rate not exceeding 3½ per cent. The House agreed to the Resolution.

THE CALIFORNIAN ANTI-ALIEN LEGISLATION.

ACT TO BE OF A GENERAL CHARACTER.

London, April 23.
A message from Washington says that President Wilson has telegraphed to Governor Johnson, of California, suggesting that if it is necessary to exclude aliens from land ownership it should be done without discrimination. He believed the people and the legislators of California will generously respond when the matter is presented to them as a question of national policy and honour.
Governor Johnson, in reply, says that he has transmitted a copy of the despatch to both House of the Californian Legislature, and he assures President Wilson of their hearty co-operation with the National Government. If any Act was passed it should be of a general character, relating to those who were ineligible for citizenship, and the language to be employed should be that which precedent sanctioned in existing Statutes on the subject. Only that should be done which was within the province of the State, and without intended offence or invidious discrimination.

"THE TIMES" ON THE SITUATION.

"The Times" earnestly hopes that there will be a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty between America and Japan. If Canada had been able to find a solution to an awkward problem, it ought not to be impossible for America to do likewise.

MR. BRYAN GOING TO CALIFORNIA.

A telegram from Washington states that President Wilson has asked that the Californian anti-Alien Legislation be held back until Mr. Bryan, the Secretary for Home Affairs, goes to California and explains the position of the Federal Government. The Diplomats believe that this will satisfy Japan.

JAPAN DESIRES PEACEABLE SETTLEMENT.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, April 24.
At a meeting of Japanese Chambers of Commerce Baron Makino, Minister for Foreign Affairs, made a statement regarding the progress of negotiations between the Japanese and United States governments concerning the Californian Alien Land Ownership Bill. He declared that the authorities are doing their best to settle the matter peacefully.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BELGIAN STRIKE.

WORK BEING RESUMED.

London, April 24.
A telegram from Brussels states that work is being resumed gradually, and the Strike Committee have decided to propose to the Socialist Congress tomorrow an immediate general resumption.

AN ARMED LINER.

SOUTH AMERICA DANGEROUS.

London, April 24.
The Royal Mail steamer "Aragon," in her voyage to South America on April 25, will carry two mounted guns solely for the purpose of defence.

TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

GREEKS MOBILISING AGAINST BULGARIANS.

London, April 23.
The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Salonika (Mr. M. H. Donohoe) states that the Greeks are mobilising every available soldier to defend Salonika against a possible Bulgarian attack. They are occupying a new strategic front from Salonika to Orfano, and the Bulgarians are concentrating in the neighbourhood of Drama. There are now 90,000 troops facing the Greeks. A Serbian force is ready to support them, and they are assembling on the Gueghai Railway to the north of Salonika and on the right bank of the Varda.

MONTENEGRINS AND SKUTARI.

It is officially stated that the Montenegrins attacked Skutari on Monday night. The battle raged throughout the night, and two Turkish posts were captured at the point of the bayonet. The Turks made a counter-attack on the following day, but were repulsed. The fall of Skutari is imminent.
It is officially stated in Cetina that the victorious Montenegrins have entered Skutari.

FEARED MASSACRE OF ALBANIANS.

A message from Vienna states that the official Press urges the blocking of Fleet to land troops immediately to prevent a massacre of Albanians in Skutari.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

Reuter states that the Allies' reply to the Powers has created a favourable impression, and diplomats in London hope that a basis will be reached, upon which a lasting peace will speedily be established.

EFFECT OF SKUTARI'S FALL.

Reuter learns that the fall of Skutari is unlikely to complicate the situation, but will rather facilitate a settlement by making it easier for Montenegro to accept the decision of the Powers, her amour propre being satisfied, especially if Austria agrees to some rectification of the frontier in view of one fair accomplishment.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

CHINESE NEWS.

Peking, April 24.
Reuter telegraphs from Peking that Canton Government troops have committed thefts and outrages under the plea of making inspections, and have arrested innocent people. The news has created intense uneasiness in Peking.

"Tai Tse Yau Po" reports that over one hundred Kuomintang members have renounced allegiance to their party. The impending resignation is reported of Chou, the Finance Minister. The situation in Peking is quiet.

There are certain obstacles in the way of amalgamation of the three Societies with reference to regulations. Some members of the National Assembly are stated to be forming a Political Society, the members of which must be free from any other societies. The situation is considered very serious on account of the differences of the various societies.

A special envoy from Siam has arrived at Peking for the purpose of negotiating a treaty with China.

The President is strongly persuading the members of various societies to consider the critical condition of the nation, instead of only dealing with their own selfish opinions.
Li Yun Hung has telegraphed to the President stating that the difference between the north and south must be overcome.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

BILLS PASSED BY THE LORDS.

London, April 24.
The House of Lords have read for the third time the Army Annual Bill and the Appellate Jurisdiction Bill in Conformity with the policy outlined by Mr. Churchill on March 26.

THE "EMPEROR'S" TRIP.

A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

London, April 24.
A telegram from Berlin states that, owing to delay in sailing, the Crown Prince will take the place of the Kaiser in the trip to the "Imperator."

SHREWSBURY BY-ELECTION.

NO LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

London, April 23.
In the by-election at Shrewsbury, necessitated by the demise of Sir Clement Hill, Mr. Lloyd has been nominated as Unionist candidate and Mr. Morris as Independent. The Liberals have decided not to contest the seat.

EWO COTTON MILL FIRE.

The thirteenth year of the current century, says the "N. C. Daily News" of April 19, seems to be a very unlucky one for Shanghai, so far as damage by fire is concerned; for within a period of four weeks we have had two very disastrous foreign fires involving a loss of £1,000,000. In addition to an unusually large number of Chinese fires which have occurred during the last few days.
About 3.50 a.m. yesterday, the officers and sailors of the U.S.S. Helena, which is moored down river on the Pootung side, opposite the Ewo Cotton Mill, noticed that the godown of the mill, which lies between the mill itself and the river, was on fire, and immediately sent ashore a landing party of sailors, under the command of officers of the ship, to warn the staff of the mill and to render any assistance they could.

A SOILING FURNACE.
In the meantime, a Chinese constable had detected the outbreak and reported to the Yangtze River Police Station, with the result that in a few minutes the Police were in attendance, and the mill staff, the body of officers and sailors from the Helena, and officers and sailors from the Japanese men-of-war Taishima and Mogami were doing all they could with the appliances at hand to quell the flames. The contents of the godown consisted of such inflammable material as cotton cloth, yarn, etc., and in a few moments the godown itself, brick-walled, became a roaring furnace, casting a glare over the sky for many miles.
Assisted by the wind, the sparks were carried to surrounding buildings, which included the Loo Kung Mow Cotton Mill, the Lun Chang Paper Mill, and the Babies' Home; but, fortunately, through the energies of the various staffs of these establishments the flames were extinguished.

FIRE BRIGADE AT WORK.
The Shanghai Fire Brigade was soon on the scene, but in the meantime the godown was one mass of flames and the mill itself, as well as an extension running down to the river in an easterly direction was in danger of catching fire, and, in fact, surrounding structures of less solid material were ablaze.

With the arrival of the Brigade, the fear of damage to the mill and surrounding buildings was soon relieved; for with the engines at work and a plentiful supply of water, the burning godown was quickly isolated. It was impossible to save the godown and its contents, but it is worthy of note that the mill and its operatives ceased work for only a short period and yesterday work was being carried on as usual; while the machinery and yarn in the mill extension suffered only slight damage.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
Although the flames were quelled early yesterday morning, the engines and coles corps, under the direction of Chief Engineer Pitt, were kept hard at work throughout the day, in an endeavour to saturate the smouldering debris. Only the four brick walls of the godown were left standing but the danger of a fresh outbreak had to be faced and the coles corps stood by. So far, it has been impossible to estimate the damage, but it must approximate £10,000, less salvage.
The cause of the outbreak has not yet been ascertained.

In view of the rather strong breeze which arose yesterday evening it was decided to have firemen standing by and this was done during the whole night.

A BREAKWATER FOR CHEFOO.

After negotiations extending over two years between the Diplomatic Body and China the question of the Chefoo breakwater has been satisfactorily settled.
A Commission composed of two foreigners, two Chinese, and the Commissioner of Customs will be appointed to make arrangements for a scheme of shipping, and will provide funds to which China will contribute £10,000 annually. No further difficulties are anticipated, and there is every prospect that the Commission will be able at an early date to call for tenders for the carrying out of this important public work.—N. C. Daily News.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

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CURIOUS LEGAL STORIES.

JUDGE WHO SAW A SUICIDE IN LAW COURT.

Several good legal stories were told in Middle Temple Hall, when Mr. John Sankey, K.C., gave an address on "Liability of Masters for Accidents to their Workmen." The lecturer, referring to the Workmen's Compensation Act, said that he was once in a compensation case where a small colliery boy had gone down a mine for the first time in his life. The boy was sent by his father to a neighbouring stall in order to get a rail, but came back declaring he had seen the devil (laughter). The boy was so frightened that he was unable to go down the mine again for a month. "And," added the learned counsel, "although the ore was only the colliery cat, we managed to secure compensation for him" (laughter).

Mr. Justice Baillie, in responding to a vote of thanks, related two curious personal experiences. Under common law in the old days he recovered £300 compensation for a man employed at a large works. The man got it in a lump sum, with the result that the works were stopped for ten days (laughter). At the end of that period the man went back to work just as poor as he was before.

The other was a more tragic incident. He (the learned judge) was called upon to raise the defence of common employment in an action brought by a man against his employer in the days when a seaman was not covered by the employer's liability. The man had been badly injured through the negligence of those in charge of the ship. The defence of common employment succeeded. When the jury returned their verdict he pulled a revolver out of his pocket and shot himself in court. "That tragic incident gave him (the lordship) the greatest possible motive for the defence of common employment," and he was glad that that defence did not fall under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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